HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

Interesting Exercises in the John-st. Methodist Episcopal Church.

Addresses by the Rev. Heman Bangs, the Rev. J. B. Wakeley, and G. Disosway.

REMINISCENCES OF OLD JOHN-ST.-INTERESTING RELICS

The Centenary Jubilee of Methodism was celebraied best evening in the John-st. Methodist Episcopal Dhoreh. When the exercises commenced nearly every seat in the building was occupied.

The Rev. Heman Bangs, on being called to preside, spoke

In olden times they always commenced meeting at early candle light. Here are a couple of candlesticks that used to belong to Barbara Heck, the first Methodist in America, and be gave them to the first church that was over built in New-ork, and here they are to-night just as they used to be book that she brought with her from Ireland. It never has at that, enough to knock a man's brains out. Here the Mr. Bangs held up a piece of timber about three feet. Here is what is painted on it: "This is a part of the effet old snil-loft, the first Methodist preaching-bouse w.York, now No. 120 Williamsst., New York, and this is to the John-st. Methodist Episcopal Charch to take care. And here is some of the original pulpit, and here is the in which it is said Bishop Ashory used to sit. exercises of the evening will now commence. The folghymn was then song:

A HUNDRED YEARS, O LORD: OUR KING.**

d with weeping Ghost On all our tribes, through every

were adepted to our peculiar condition. And we increased in numbers as men came from different countries. The population spread West and North and wherever there was a log hut there also was the Methodist minister and Methodism. I remember a Connecticut man Methodism got into Connecticut, and they did not like it very well. It found its way to this man's house, and his father got converted and joined too Methodism, to go where it could not find him, and, accordingly, he went away to this and built a log hut, and had it just finished, when up rides a man with a broad brimmed hat, who said "I am a Methodist preacher, can I not have your house!" and he said, "I give it up. Laughter.] I find there is no use in trying to get away from it. Methodism went from the United States, Now, during the 100 years, these five individuals fave increased to about 2000,000. The Methodisty congregations, I suppose these were about two leembers. Mr. Embury and Barbara Heck, at first. They have multiplied into about 1,000,000, the number to-day. Thus you see what God has wrought in a hundred gears through the instrumentality of the Methodista. God has given light to the Methodists, and the Methodista. God has given light to the Methodist is and the Methodista. God has given light to the Methodist of the Methodista. God has given light to the Methodists, and the Methodista. God has given light to the Methodist was an innocent recreation, but to attend a religious meeting, that would not do at all. But I am thankful to ny Heavenly Father that the light is abining forth, and the life has spread its influence until nearly all the Churches of the land feel it. Its life is shedding an influence were every part of their Churches, both uninisters and people. I can remember when the was a sound your neck and squeeze was not allowed to preach in another man's church. They were deceivers sent to lead away ally women, and so forth. I can remember when the west as a sum of these ladies here do, and that baker you der does. I hope the free which h Methodism. Here is the last subscription he took upon this continent. It contains 1,400 signatures of distinguished ministers and of the laity. Among them I see the name of our Chairman, who gives fifty cents. [Laughter.] But you must not think the amount was small, as no subscription was to be higher than \$1. You will naturally think of the laity, and there are many whom I would like to name—the honored men and women who have gode up to the mansions of the just. You will think of the conferences which have been held here. The first one was heid in 17cs. Asbony presided. It was on Oct. 4, 17cs, and it was at that Conference that the mighty plan was laid for extending Methodism along the Hudson. You will think of the lone feasts that were heid here. Can we ever forget those old lone feats, where heart met heart and that was the last one that Bishop Asbury attended. In reviewing the past we have great cause for wonder. I do think that the spirit of American Methodism is a moral miracle. I think it is the greatest wonder of this whole century. I know of nothing like it. It is the wonder of earth, and wonder of time, and I think it will be the wonder of earth the wonder of Heaven, the wonder of men and angels, the wonder of time, and is now about to die. I have not faith enough to believe any such thing. The day Methodism shall naver die. We will reconsecrate ourselves to this mighty work and methodism shall go en through all time. [Applause.]

A poem was then read by the Rev. George Taylor, after which the following hyma was sang:

"OH: BLESS US, AS TROU DIDST OUR SIRES."

BY TER REV. FRANK BOTTOME.

(Windhem.)

BY THE RET. GEORGE LANSING TAYLOR. (Rolerma.)

D Lend' within this hallowed therms

This day thy people throng.
The distribute of song.

Their sacrifice of song.

And millions more that host shall well.

O Lengly white the hallowest between the search of the control of

THE JOHN-STREET METHODIST CHURCH. THE STRONG-BENNETT LIBEL CASE.

on the site of the present one in John-st., near Nassau, in | evening.

Above is the cut of the first Methodist Church creeted | this city, where the Centenary Celebration was held last

Methodist history as this. John'st. Church in Sine diagrams, bistory of any Methodist church in America. She has the oldest record of American Methodism. If there are any older let them be produced, and she has a clarious history. It would be very natural for us to go back to the origin of Methodism, but we cannot linger there. The Chairman has introduced to you Philip Embury, the carpenter, and his history is fail of deep and thrilling interest. We have no time to speak about him now. I have been to his grave, where he was buried first. He has been removed twice since, and I hope he will remain undisturbed where he now is until the voice of the Archangel shall awake him, and then he will know something of the extent of the church which he commenced, and through which millions will bless God in eternity. Closely associated with him is the woman that sitred him up to commence this work. For many long years their names have been identified and blended together. You know what poetry and romance for facts is stranger than faction, there is about the origin of Methodism. You recollect the woman who started him up to accomplish the great work. Doctor Bangs told us it was the mother of Paul Heech, when the lost chapters were discovered, a volume that had been lost for about 70 years, that contained the earliest records of our history, what we never expected to find, that contained the subscription; every pound, shilling and penny given to erect the first edifice. That volume contained the names of the trustees. It would be in vain to search for them anywhere else—you could not find them in any history. It contained an account of Boardman, and Fillmore, and Robert Williams and others who first preached here. Wesley Chapel was the name of the first edifice; it was built in 1778, and was not closed during the and for other preached here for a time, and Cross who left us and joined the Episcopalians and died in Elizabethtown. Doctor Rangs took a great deal of pains to learn the real origin of Methodism. He came here in 18 son, Bartine, Barnes, Bartes, Bartes, Gale, Jewett, Jains, Dunns, Foontain, Foljambe, Graticap, Gale, Jewett, Jains, Halls, Hydes, Harpers, Hortons, Higgs, Longking, Moss, Meades, Peregos, Smiths, Skidmore, Towt, Wileys, Waldo, the eminent artist.

This school, tee, has been, to a certain extent, a "School of the Prophets," and among its sons in the Ministry, we may pame the Rev. W. H. Norris, Peter Oakley, W. H. Isham and the Rev. J. H. Colt of the Episcopal Church, and then, if we were permitted to draw aside the vail which hides from our view the spirit land, O. how many souls would have there behold, singing the song of Moses and the Lamb, who

"OUR FATHER'S GOD, TO THEE." BY THE REV. PRANK BOTTOME.

But lo! a glimmering ray Preclaimed approaching day; And darkness in dismay, Her voice obeyed.

Wide e'er our continent The joyful message went, "Salvation free!" And more from every land, And every distant strand, Comes up the chorus grand Of Jubiles.

(America.)
Our father's God to thee,
Mysterious Deity,
Our rougs we raise;
As on the jubilee,
Thy sone exultingly
From every fetter free.
Proclaimed thy praise.

Our grateful heart shall swell, Our joyful tongues shall tell A mighty race.

See where thy children's children throng.
Great God! to worship at thy feet.
Where rose of old the holy song.
And wafted increase reached thy seat.
That we, their sons, the power that we their sons that the power that we their sons the power that we then the power that we then the power that we their sons the power than the power tha

All honor, praise, and power, All giory ever more, Great God, be thine! With thy coepoul Son. And Spirit, Tures in One, All glorious and alone. O'er all Divine. Dark o'er eur Western world Prond error's flag unferled Her deadty shade;

Dr. Ager read a history of the choristers and choral service in the John-st. Church, after which The Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Heman Bangs, which concluded the exercises of the Centenary Celebration.

ARMY GAZETTE.

RECRUITING FUNDS. WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Washington, May 22, 1866.
CIRCULAR No. 16.—Until further instructions, all officers of the Regular Army who are accountable for Recruiting Funds will report to this office by telegraph, on Wednesday of each week, the amount of funds in their possession or on deposit, stating the depository where the money is deposited.

E. D. Townsend, Assistant Adjutant General.

NAVY GAZETTE.

IMPORTANT TO PAYMASTERS. The Second Controller of the Treasury, at the re-

Where rose of old the holy song.
And wafted incense reached thy seat.

The house wherein our fathers praised.
Their grateful children wait to day.
The situra that our fathers raised.
Their children now approach to pray.
Oh! may the holy fire descend.
As when a women's fervent love Aroused the sumbering watchman's real
With earnest message from above.
Come, Holy Ghost! and full the Section of the sumber of the same te-day as yesterday.
Oh grant us, Lord, our beart's desires!

MR. DISOSWAY'S ADDRESS. quest of the Fourth Auditor, has issued the following circular to Paymasters of the Navy, relative to general order of the Navy Department, No. 75, dated May 23, 1866:

to Paymasters of the Navy, relative to general order of the Navy Department, No. 75, dated May 23, 1866:

First: General Order No. 75 authorizes payment of one-third addition to the regular pay of all navy officers, whether employed or not, with the exceptions named in the order.

Second: The benefits of the order extend to officers on the retired list.

Third: Boatswains, gunners, sallmakers and carpenters on the retired list, not being named in the act of duly, 1802, fixing the pay of officers on the retired list, with the addition of one-third, under general order No. 75.

Fourth: Clerks to commanding officers and paymasters are also entitled to the additional pay.

Sixth: Navai constructors and naval storekeepers are only entitled to the benefits of this order when they are commissioned or warrant officers of the navy, and receive as compensation the naval pay.

Sexent: The Head of a Bureau in the Navy Department is not a naval officer, unless he hold a separate commission as such; in the inter case he may elect to receive pay and allowances as an officer of the navy, or his salary as head of a Bureau; but he cannot combine both, and he a civilian as to commutation of allowances under the order.

Eight: The Secretary of the Navy hus also directed that clerks of the purchasing and disbursing officers, are not officers of the may, and therefore they are not entitled to additional pay under order No. 75.

FERMANENT DEFOT FOR THE RECEPTION OF OUR IRON-CLAD NAVY—THE PROPOSED SITE AT FORTLAND, MI.

The House Committee on Naval Affairs have appointed as

Lobbyists Defined by a Lieutenant-Governor-

More Contract Developments.

Witnesses Continued.

MINISTERS, LAWYERS, AND PHYSICIANS ON THE STAND.

terest was evidently well kept up, the room being quite as full

m what the people generally say of him-not from your own vate opinion. A. I have answered from debute I have

used on what people say.

MR. SPADER RECALLED FOR THE DEFENSE.

Mr. John L. Spuder was recalled and questioned concerning laintiff's connection or relations with the Ridgewood read, of the knew notting of it.

once had a quarrel with Senator Strong, when he tried to cheat me; have acever spoken to him since, but have spoken about him behind his back.

Mr. John H. Dunel sworn—Live in New Jersey; Mr. Strong was my partner in California; bis character in 1849 was bad; know his seneral reputation, and never heard any one speak well of him.

Cross-examined—I am on speaking terms with Mr. Strong, but not on very friendly terms; had some difficulty with him while in California.

TESTIMONY OF MR. LEECRAFT.

Mr. Leccraft sworn: Reside in the Wall House. Williamsburgh and Greenpoint and Ridgewood roads; Mr. Strong was there; he was a director of the first one; can't say whether Mr. James P. Saunders was there or not; was present at meetings of the Ridgewood road; Mr. Strong was there; he was a director of the first one; can't say whether Mr. James P. Saunders was there or not; was present at meetings of the Ridgewood road; Mr. Strong was interested in; he sautained the same relation to it as he did to the other road; think he hed only one share in the Williamsburgh road; don't know whether any of the stock was issued to any persons for the benefit of Mr. Strong out of the Ridgewood road—at least not while I was Secretary know that Mr. Strong had some stock issued in blank; think that Saunders was one of the corporators of the Ridgewood road; remember the Calvary Cemelery Raifroad; Mr. Strong was director of it, don't know what interest he had in the Cross-town road, New-York.

Cross-examined—Only know from what Mr. Strong said that Mr. Saunders is a kinsman of his; am not sure that the information came from Strong himself, am a brother-in-law of his; am not now on friendly terms with him; the disagreement has partially grown up from claims unde by Strong on the estate of my lather.

the estate of my father.

TESTIMONY OF MR FUNK.

Mr. John H. Funk sworn—I reside in Brooklyn; was formerly one of the Water Commissioners; know Mrs. Coyle and her son; romember an act passed some years ogo regarding the Penn-ave. sewer: Mr. Covie was at that time largely interested in contracts; provision in that act concerning contracts; Mr. Coyle, also Mr. Strong, was interested in its going through; I did not employ him to get it through; think he was to get it through; he said it would cost \$5,000; know was then a Senator elect; I had several conversations with him, but not with Mrs. Coyle; the \$5,000 was, I suppose,

Fourth Day's Proceedings-examination of

to be paid to him; he did not say so; did not take an envelope from Georgy Coyle to Mr. Strong which he (Strong) opened and took therefrom \$2,500, but was present when the boy brought the menoy, and Mr. Strong did take that money out; do not know what he did with if; I suppose the measy was for the passage of the bill objected to, and witness declares that it was of his own knowledge, from conversation with Mr. Strong, for the passage of the hill.

Cross-examined—At my first conversation with Mr. Strong no one cless was present; this was in November; this bill had nothing to do with the Water Roard; never on earth was interested in the Conversation with Mr. Strong and othing to do with the Water Roard; never on earth was interested in the contract; told Strong it was the disposition of the Board to let Coyle up; Strong said it would cost \$5,000 to get the bill through; at our second conversation the subject was the same as before. Coyle said he would pay the \$5,000. [Ountsel-I don't want to know what Coyle said.] Before the conversation above-named, I opened the envelope named and took the money out; did not count it; the boy then took it to Mr. Strong; the reason I wanted said bill through was because I thought Coyle might be ruined else; the whole Board shared in this feeling.

Re-direct—The envelope was handed to me by Mr. Coyle; returned it to the bey, he took it to Strong; I understood from Coyle that the envelope contained \$2,000; I don't know whether Mr. Strong received any other moneys.

F. W. Jennings sworn—Have resided in Williamsburgh 26 years, have known Senator Strong 20 years; an nequainted with his general reputation; in my estimation it is bad.

Cross examined—I was at a primary meeting once when I this take the pell-book sway, do not remember that Mr. Strong we may they addifference with him that could affect my opinion in this matter.

Re-cross examined—I was at a primary meeting once when I thid take the pell-book sway, do not remember that Mr. Strong was one of the officers of that neeting;

Mr. C. R. Prott was sworn: Have known Senator Strong 18 or 20 years, here and in California; am acquainted with his

veracity.
(Counsel for defense states here, upon objection, that the de-fense will stop calling witnesses for character the moment that the other side will say they will call no more than the defense

Mr. William Sweeney was caized, but could give no opinion the processing of the strategy was caized, but could give no opinion the processing the processing the strategy of the witnesses for the defense were not present at the time. The International Control of the witnesses for the defense were not present at the time. The International Control of the witnesses for the defense were not present at the time. The International Control of the witnesses for the defense were not present at the time. The International Control of the witnesses for the defense were not present of the strategy of the witnesses for the defense were not present for the present developed the strategy of the witnesses for the defense were not present stated of the mean. I know the state of the mean. I know the state of the mean. I know thing of Mr. Strong except when I met him as Senators my personal acquaintance with him begain in 1805, have beend him spoken against in that short and quantitation of 117 days, have heard him spoken against in that short and quantitation of 117 days, have heard him spoken of twice in but by that serve of men who are there containly, and commonly called lobbylass.

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in regard to the order, the prosecution called Mr. W. A. Talmadge.

Am in the coal-business; met Mr. Strong in San Francisco. What was his reputation in San Francisco (Objected to, and the objection surtained by the Court. The prosecuting counsel asserted that the character of the pishtiff in California had been asked by counsel for the defense; fand a reporter's notes were read in proof of his assertion. Counsel for the detense dealed having asked the teatimony for California, and remarked it had not been objected to when the question so answered was made. Counsel then asks, without reference to place, what plaintiff's reputation was in 1849 and 1850 ry which actually was in California. Answer given, and challenged in cross-examination by Mr. Williams, but allowed.)

Cross-examined by Mr. Williams—I do not remember Mr. Strong to have been charged with malfeasance of duty as Alderman in California; he was not sent away by the Vigiliance Committee.

The Rev. Eibert S. Porter, editor of The Christian Intelligencer, was sworn, and testified: Have been a clergyman and editor in Yew York some fourteen yenrs; have known Mr. Strong about ten years—since he came back from Celifornia. (Question concerning character challenged because not based on general report; but counsel for the procedulous stated that a man's character might be decided in spits of common report.)

Witness—Mr. Strong has two reputations—one is good and the other in bad; he is a public man and a politician; his political friends think well of him, and his political enemies.)

Witness—I have road The Booking Times for 16 to 17 years; have seen occasionally articles against him, but cannot specify the number; they have ron through later years.

Croas-examined—Have been in the habit of attending the Legislature sostions for 12 to 26 years; have been there as a newspaper correspondent; never heard the character called in question, nor that he legislated for a consideration; as a general remark, in regard to other men who voted for the Central Railroad Far

Sandford, and other witnesses were called, and testified to the peneral good character of the plaintiff. Mr. Hathorne's testimony afforded much management to use audience in the court room, as he deemed Mr. Strong a "trickstr," but could not condemn him for that, as a similar character was community charged upon "all the politicians."

BULL'S HEAD, Monday, June 18 .- We find only 2,639 bullocks on sale to-day, and we cannot count up over 4,850 for the total supply of the week, against over 7,000 last

of German organisations of this city made an excursion to Landman's Park yesterday morning, in behalf of the wounded

afternoon Officer Leonard of the Sixteenth Precinct arrested one of a gang of ruffians who were acting in a very discretely

DROWNNED WHILE BATHING .- An inquest was resterday held by Coroner Naumann at the Blackwell's Island Hospital on the body of James Coughlin, late an in-

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—JUNE 18.— Before Judge Brady.

DECISIONS.

Wm. Gale, jr., agt. Patrick Ford; J. C. Topper

[Announcements.]

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